

September 2012

# The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

[web site: www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)

A 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Theatre Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA

## September 10, 7:00PM

## Capitol Theatre, York

**Report of the Summer Youth Adventure:  
Connor Ream & Dan Umholtz**

**Larry Fenner: his first ATOS board meeting  
and pictures of the Los Angeles convention.**

**"Open Console" time**

Don Kinnier at the console of Opus 501 during the SVTOS Picnic. More pictures on page 4  
Photo by Doug Eyman





### Howie's corner:

Summer is rapidly coming to a close and we are looking forward to a new and exciting 2012-2013 season at SVTOS.

We had a great picnic with 30 members attending and enjoying lots of good food and good music. We had both the Rodgers and WurliTzer organs being used along with the Yamaha piano. Several of our members were playing the organs and piano and at times we also had Judy Townsend singing along with them. Although the WurliTzer pipes were not playing yet, the console was playable using the Artisan sound engine. Everyone had a good time.

We have prepared a new season of entertainment with new artists, a silent movie and an excellent video about the Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ. We are starting out in September with Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz sharing their experiences at the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure and performing a few selections for us. Larry Fenner will give an overview of his first ATOS board meeting and show some pictures of the Los Angeles convention. In October, Don Kinnier will accompany the silent movie comedy "The Navigator" starring Buster Keaton. Two new artists for SVTOS will present showcase programs. We will also try to schedule open console days in January and February as in past years, depending on the availability of the theatre. You do not want to miss any of these programs.

We are always looking for new members so if you have friends who enjoy playing the organ or just listening to the music and are not members please encourage them to join the club. I hope you had a great Summer and we'll see you at our first meeting in September.

Barry



### DUES

**Dues are due September 10.** Please save a stamp and pay Roy at the next meeting. Dues are same as last year, \$40 for non-ATOS members and \$30 for ATOS members (per household).



**"Capitol Idea"** CDs are still available for sale. Christmas is coming and these make great gifts. Sam Groh has them available at every meeting.

And check us out on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/svtos>

Thanks to Mike Clemens and



for our SVTOS badges!

### Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 2013 Season

<b>September 10, 2012</b>	Report of the Summer Youth Adventure—Connor Ream & Dan Umholtz Comments by: Larry Fenner Open Console
<b>October 8, 2012</b>	Silent Movie with Don Kinnier—"The Navigator" starring Buster Keaton
<b>November 12, 2012</b>	Show Case - Frank Vanaman
<b>December</b>	Program at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown
<b>January</b>	No Meeting
<b>February</b>	No Meeting
<b>March 11, 2013</b>	Video: Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ Presented by: Mr. Ray Brunner
<b>April 8, 2013</b>	Show Case - Michael Britt
<b>May 13, 2013</b>	Annual Meeting Arranger's Challenge Open Console
<b>June 10, 2013</b>	Show Case - Justin LaVoie

### Events Calendar

Sept. 15, 2PM	Bob Ralston, Pittsburgh –see page 6
Sept. 15, 7PM	Mark Herman, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville—see page 5
Sept. 23, 3PM	Bob Eyer, Chambersburg—see page 7
Oct. 28, 3PM	Wayne Zimmerman, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville—"Nosferatu"

#### Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund has been set up to provide money for talented young organists to attend the ATOS Youth Summer Camp. To make your tax-deductible contribution to this fund, make your check payable to SVTOS, note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line and send it (or give it) to our Treasurer, Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr., York, PA 17408-4256. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund and/or possible candidates, please call Dusty, 717-795-2775, or email [Pres@SVTOS.org](mailto:Pres@SVTOS.org). **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

**You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site [www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)**

**Subject: Theatre Pipe Organ Debuts 9/15/12**

TOSDV – Saturday, September 15, 2012, 7 PM— The Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley debuts its Wurlitzer 3/25 Opus 585 Theatre Pipe Organ with a concert by Mark Herman. The program, which will include the Buster Keaton comedy short “The Boat” in addition to a wide variety of musical selections, will be presented at the Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under which includes the Colonial’s assessed \$1.50 fee on all tickets.

The Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Inc., (TOSDV), a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation since 1967, is an affiliate member of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS). Its purpose is to preserve, protect and promote this unique art form through education, restoration and performance.

Mark Herman, at 25, is the 2004 winner of the American Theatre Organ Society’s “Young Organists Competition,” Herman was recently named the ATOS 2012 “Organist of the Year.” He has traveled extensively throughout Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

Owned and maintained by TOSDV, this historic Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ was built in 1922 and originally installed in the Buffalo Hippodrome Theatre for the purpose of accompanying the silent films of that era. Theatre Pipe Organs are capable of playing a wide range of musical styles and are uniquely suited for accompanying silent movies thanks to the variety of sound effects they provide.

Info: [www.tosdv.org](http://www.tosdv.org)

**Picnic Photo Album**



Photos by John Adams

**FOR SALE: 3/14 ROBERT MORTON THEATER PIPE ORGAN**

Contact Sheila Parrish 601.428.1550 [shp41@hotmail.com](mailto:shp41@hotmail.com)

To be sold, dismantled, and moved asap U pack, U haul. Any reasonable offer considered. Formerly belonged to Jeff Seale of Laurel, Mississippi.



**AND MORE!**

**FOR SALE: 3/13 ROBERT MORTON THEATER PIPE ORGAN**

Contact: C. G. Soley at 601.433.3311 or [csoley@bellsouth.net](mailto:csoley@bellsouth.net)

# PITTSBURGH AREA THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

A NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

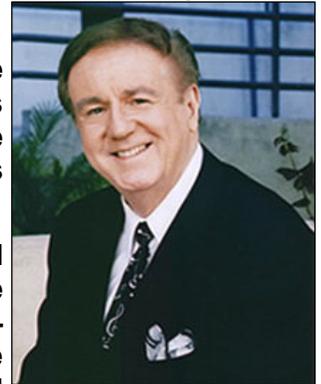
## PATOS Presents

### A BOB RALSTON SPECTACULAR Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 2:00 PM

IN CONCERT AT THE MIGHTY 3/19 PATOS WURLITZER THEATRE PIPE ORGAN  
In the KEYSTONE OAKS THEATRE, 1000 Kelton Avenue, Dormont, PA 15216

Bob Ralston is best known for his 47 years as a pianist and organist with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra, where he was featured in fine piano and organ solos, and also performed as a singer, dancer and comedian. A nationally renowned theater pipe organist, today Bob continues to work as a pianist, show producer, arranger, conductor, composer, teacher and recording artist. He has recorded over 300 albums with others, and has released some 33 solo albums, many on theater pipe organs. He knows over 3,000 songs by memory. Every Sunday morning for the past 20 years (except when traveling) Bob plays the 4-manual, 31 rank WurliTzer pipe organ at Founder's Church in Los Angeles. It is believed to be the largest WurliTzer theater pipe organ installed in any church in the world.

Bob has appeared in our Season Opening Performance for many years in the past and is a welcomed and sought-after performer everywhere who has thrilled the audience with his enthralling and rousing renditions that have everyone tapping their feet. This will be his 23<sup>rd</sup> PATOS concert. Don't miss it.



A theatre pipe organ is an original American invention specifically designed to accompany silent films and for solo concert performances as will be the case during Bob's performance. PATOS annually presents four or five concerts and vintage short silent films featuring world-class artists playing the versatile WurliTzer Unit Orchestra. The pipes and remotely operated musical instruments are housed high on the wall on both sides of the Keystone Oaks Auditorium stage. The sounds of various instruments, horns, whistles, train sounds, thunder, bird whistles, and other percussions can be played from the spectacularly ornate horseshoe-shaped console. It remains the only theatre pipe organ in a public auditorium in the Pittsburgh area. Come and enjoy a family friendly afternoon of rousing toe-tapping Americana entertainment.

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or send email to: [Patos.Mail@Verizon.net](mailto:Patos.Mail@Verizon.net) or call 724-446-9744 or 412-241-8108

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**BOB RALSTON – SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 AT 2:00 PM**

Ticket prices: \$15.00 each in advance with this form, or  
\$13.00 each for groups of ten or more when mailed to a single address.  
All tickets at the door will be \$20.00 each. Doors open at 1:30 PM

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Students admitted free with adult admission.

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# **PUBLIN' OUT ALL THE STOPS**

***Free Public Theatre Organ Concert***

***featuring***

## **Bob Eyer**

**Performing on the newly expanded Möller pipe organ**



**Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.**  
**Pre-concert "Pipe Organ 101" media presentation at 2:30 P.M.**

**Allison United Methodist Church**  
**99 Mooreland Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013**  
**Co-sponsored by**  
**Allison United Methodist Church and**  
**Carlisle Musical Arts Club**

A free public organ concert will be held on September 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Allison United Methodist Church, 99 Mooreland Avenue, Carlisle. The guest performer will be Bob Eyer who is the in-house organist at the Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg. He has played many well-known organs including the Oakland Paramount, San Francisco Fox, Radio City Music Hall and Atlantic City Convention Hall. Music selections will include popular songs and theatre organ favorites. Come and hear the variety of sounds of the newly expanded Allison organ and enjoy a fun afternoon of music. Prior to the scheduled program there will be a media presentation explaining how a pipe organ works. The program is free and the public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact the church at 717-243-5962.

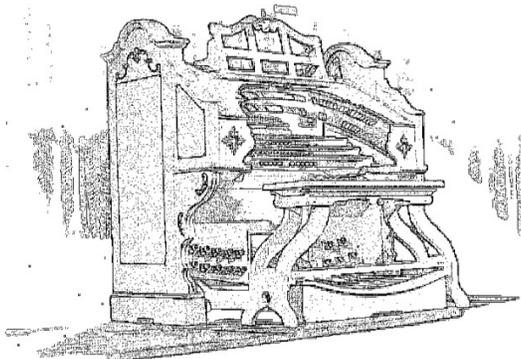
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## **Important Upcoming Events Capitol Theatre, York**

**Summer Camp Reports  
& Open Console  
September 10, 7:00PM**

**Don Kinnier Silent Movie  
October 8, 7:00PM**